

NITRATE \$81 A TON.

Nitrate of Soda Will Be Distributed to Farmers Under the Plan Employed Last Year.

Washington Cor., Dec. 26, Wilmington Star.

Secretary of Agriculture David F. Houston authorized the announcement today that the Department of Agriculture would distribute nitrate of soda to the farmers during the coming season, the price to the farmer will be \$81 a short ton, free on board cars at the loading point or port. The port of Wilmington is the distributing agency for North Carolina, and already much nitrate is stored at this seaport town for sale to farmers.

Additional to the price of \$81 a ton, the farmer will have to pay the freight charges to unloading point and any incidental expenses that he may incur in connection with the delivery of the nitrate. Judging by the prices of the nitrate and other Southern products, it is believed that the farmers will be able to secure the nitrate for \$75 a ton.

The distribution by the Department of Agriculture is employed under the authority of Section 27 of the food act and subsequent legislation relating thereto. The plans employed in the sale and distribution of the nitrate last year will be essentially duplicated the coming season. State directors of the agricultural extension service, county agricultural agents, and nitrate committees, composed of local business men will direct the farmers in filing their applications. Application blanks to be used by farmers will be sent to county agents and the members of local committees at an early date.

Under the law, the nitrate will be sold only for cash and the farmer will be required to deposit the money covering the cost of the nitrate for which he applies with the local bank, association or individual to be designated by the Department of Agriculture. In practically all counties distribution of the nitrate will be made through county distributors.

If the quantity of nitrate that can be secured will fill all orders, each farmer will be allotted the amount applied for; otherwise, it will be necessary to allot the nitrate proportionately to those applying for it so that all may participate on equal terms in its distribution. Arrangements have been made to secure a large quantity of nitrate and unless the demands should prove very much greater than anticipated there will be enough nitrate to supply all reasonable requirements. The distribution will be handled as last year, through the bureau of markets as the central agency.

POSITIONS WANTED FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS

Some Soldiers Who Desire Work at Once—Notify County Branch of U. S. Employment Service.

To the Public:

The Robeson county branch of the U. S. Employment Service has now in hand applications from returning soldiers for work. We will appreciate very much any position that is given to these men and request that we be notified at once by those desiring to employ them.

George West, Jr., Allenton, machinist and repair man, will work anywhere in North Carolina; G. S. Wooten, Lumberton, chauffeur and expert truck driver, desires work in Robeson county; Henry Crenshaw, St. Pauls, railroader; Wm. Berry Lowrey, Pates, farming, also railroading; J. B. Iyer, Parkton, chauffeur and garage workman; James Faucett, Red Springs, bricklayer.

These men all desire work by January 1st, or as soon thereafter as possible. We ask the public to co-operate with us in this important work and help to get these men positions. Robeson County Branch of the U. S. Employment Service.

T. A. McNEILL, JR., Chm. Lumberton, N. C.

BATTLESHIPS RETURN.

Home-Coming Armada Welcomed by Millions in New York.

Ten American battleships steamed into New York harbor Thursday after 18-months' service overseas and were welcomed home by millions who waited for their appearance in the chill of a driving snowstorm. These with the flower of the North Atlantic fleet made 21 superdreadnoughts, dreadnoughts and ships of the line, which with cruisers, destroyers and a host of smaller craft made the mightiest American armada ever assembled. They symbolized that the United States has become the second naval power of the world. The home-coming ships passed in review before the Secretary of the Navy, off the statue of Liberty, and later the sailors, with Secretary Daniels and Admiral Mayo at their head, marched down Fifth avenue.

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CASUALTIES DURING WAR.

Estimated Casualties of Russia, Italy, France, England and Germany.

Statements regarding casualties of various nations in the war have been as follows:

Italy lost 500,000 lives. Of this number 200,000 were killed in action. To those actually killed in battle must be added 300,000 who died of disease. The Italians severely wounded numbered 300,000, while 500,000 of the 5,000,000 called to the colors were taken prisoners.

Russia's war casualties total 2,150,000 men. Of this number, 1,700,000 were killed. The disabled men number 1,450,000, while 2,500,000 other soldiers were wounded. Russians taken prisoners totaled 2,500,000. Another estimate figured Russia's total casualties at not less than 3,000,000, of whom 3,000,000 were killed and about 1,000,000 disabled for life.

Figures compiled by the Cologne Gazette placed the total German casualties at more than 6,000,000. Of this number it was estimated that about 2,000,000 were killed.

The British army official losses in killed total 658,703.

Announcement was made in the French chamber of deputies December 22nd that France's losses in officers and men killed up to November 1st last aggregated 1,071,300, divided as follows: officers, 31,300; men, 1,040,000. The number of dead prisoners and men missing was given as 42,600 officers and 1,789,000 men. The men missing aggregate 3,000 officers and 311,000 men. The prisoners still living total 8,300 officers and 438,000 men.

Senate Passes War Revenue Bill

Favors New Postal Zone Rates

The United States Senate last Monday night passed the war revenue bill reduced to raise about 6 billion dollars in 1919 and about 4 billions in 1920 as compared with the levy of \$8,200,000,000 for next year, proposed in the bill passed by the House 3 months ago. Immediately thereafter the Senate began its holiday vacation under the plan for 3-day recesses until January 2. The bill now goes to conference and final enactment of the legislation is expected next month. The Senate conferees are Simmons of North Carolina, Williams of Mississippi and Smith of Georgia, Democrats, and Penrose of Pennsylvania and Lodge of Massachusetts, Republicans.

Another vote on the second class postage question also was taken and the Senate sustained, 41 to 22, its previous action in favor of the amendment which would repeal the existing zone rates on publications and substitute a rate of one cent a pound within 150 miles and 1-2 cents a pound beyond.

The bill also provides for one month's pay to men discharged from the military establishment after signature of the armistice.

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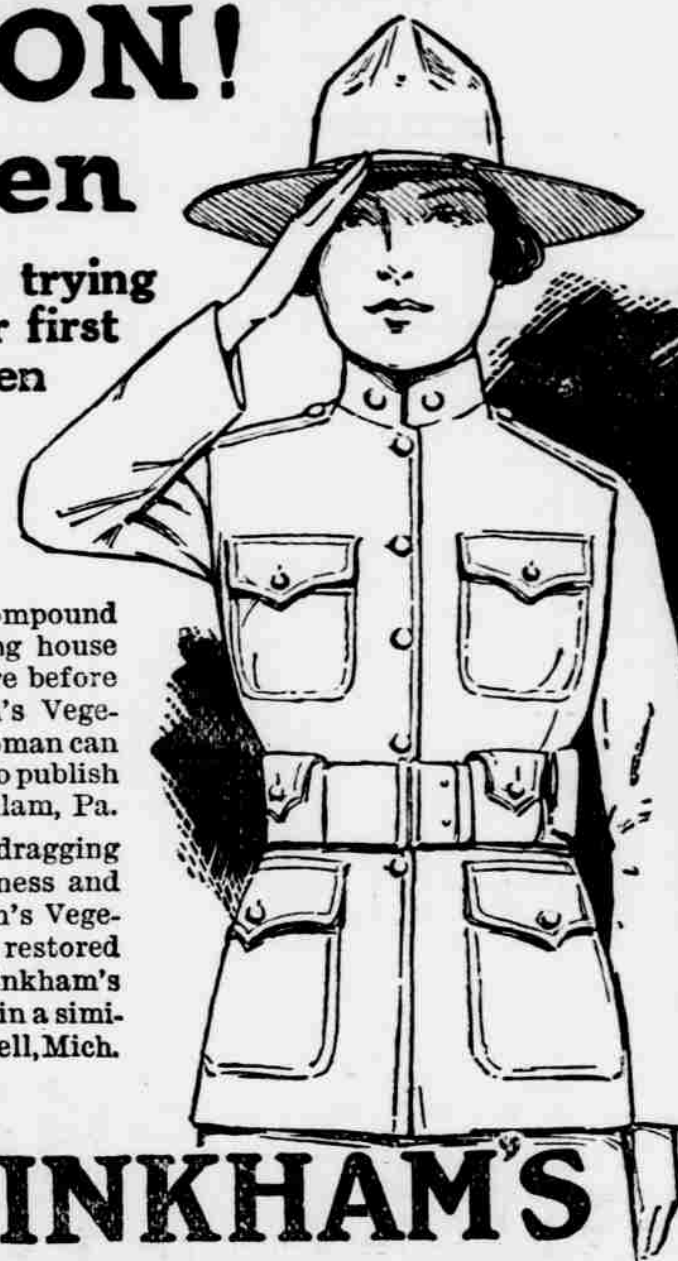
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648,515 Bales of Cotton Ginned in North Carolina—Robeson Leads

Director Sam L. Rogers of the bureau of the census, Department of Commerce, announces that up to December 9, 648,515 bales of cotton had been ginned in North Carolina of the crop of 1918. Up to the same date last year the number of bales ginned was 482,521. In the report for the following counties, first figures represent number of bales ginned in 1918, second figures being for 1917: Anson 21,298—17,862; Bladen, 8,220—6,279; Cleveland, 20,025—13,004; Columbus, 6,204—6,626; Cumberland, 16,094—11,897; Edgecombe, 23,320—15,137; Franklin, 12,477—11,178; Halifax, 25,205—16,057; Harnett, 21,469—16,249; Hoke, 14,459—11,219; Johnston, 37,525—29,251; Mecklenburg, 18,149—13,092; Nash, 17,536—14,795; Northampton, 13,509—8,994; Pitt, 17,717—13,293; Richmond, 12,847—9,348; Robeson, 51,678—43,718; Sampson, 20,776—15,764; Scotland, 28,276—25,589; Union, 19,434—15,417; Wake, 17,918—14,464; Wayne, 25,138—18,415; Wilcox, 18,739—14,227.

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